

SB 5647 - DIGEST

Declares that, unless otherwise required by law or court order, all general or limited authority Washington peace officers or specially commissioned Washington peace officers shall refrain from the enforcement of federal civil immigration laws. General or limited authority Washington peace officers or specially commissioned Washington peace officers shall not single out individuals for legal scrutiny or enforcement activity based solely on their country of origin, religion, ethnicity, or immigration status.

Provides that no general authority Washington law enforcement agency, agency with primary territorial jurisdiction, or primary commissioning agency shall use moneys, resources, or personnel solely for the purpose of detecting or apprehending persons whose only violation of law is or may be a civil immigration violation.

Provides that any person who violates this act shall be liable in a civil action brought by the aggrieved party in the amount of one thousand dollars per violation, all economic damages actually incurred as a direct result of the violation, and for the costs of litigation including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. The court may award additional damages in an amount determined necessary to ensure the violator's future compliance.